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FROM: Quebec

TO: Secretary of State

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Re case Eugene Lindsey and son Richard of Hollidaysburg, Pennsylvania and Fred Claar of East Freedom, Pennsylvania, English speaking Coroner's Jury at 9:30 p.m. yesterday rendered verdict to effect two last named murdered by gunshot by person or persons unknown and that first named whose torso and skull have not been recovered died from causes unknown.

Case is being followed closely by Solicitor General Rivard and other high provincial officials (under Canadian law province has exclusive jurisdiction) who are confident they will solve crime despite difficulties resulting from time lapse between death on June 11th or 12th and discovery of bodies only month later. I have been assured confidence is based on clues or evidence which cannot be disclosed presently.

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My dear Mr. Van Zandt:

With further reference to your letter of July 24, 1953 and the Department's reply of July 26, 1953, concerning the case of three Americans from your constituency who were killed while on a hunting trip in Quebec, the Department has been informed by the American Consul in Quebec of the following facts:

An English-speaking Coroner's Jury was convened on July 27 and at 9:30 p. m. rendered the verdict that Richard Lindsey of Hollidaysburg, Pennsylvania, and Fred Claar of East Freedom, Pennsylvania, were murdered by gunshot by person or persons unknown and that Eugene Lindsey, whose torso and skull have not been recovered, died from causes unknown.

The Department has also been informed by the American Consul that the case is being closely followed by Solicitor General Rivard and other high provincial officials who are confident that they will solve the crime despite the difficulties arising from the time lapse between the deaths on June 11 or 12 and the discovery of the bodies a month later. The Consul has been assured that this confidence is based on clues or evidence which cannot be presently disclosed.

Sincerely yours,

For the Secretary of State:

Thurston B. Horton
Assistant Secretary

The Honorable
James E. Van Zandt,
House of Representatives.

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